

January 2, 2017

Linda Shea, M.A., Director
Frederick County Animal Control
1832 Rosemont Avenue
Frederick, MD 21702

RE: Companion Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (CAWAC)

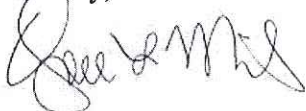
Dear Ms. Shea,

This letter serves to confirm the official vote by CAWAC members on December 12, 2016 to disband the committee. CAWAC's mission has been to ensure that county programs, policies, and procedures adequately address the welfare of companion animals and to provide a public forum for citizen concerns and complaints. The committee feels that Frederick County Animal Control (FCAC) is running well; the staff are responsive and transparent, and the shelter animals are receiving the best possible care available as they wait for their forever homes.

As you are aware, there have been several longstanding membership vacancies and attempts to recruit new members have not been successful. Additionally, CAWAC's status as a County entity has been viewed as an obstacle that has restricted fundraising and created potential conflicts of interest for its members. Current members agreed to dissolve CAWAC so they could better direct their talent, efforts, and time by volunteering directly with the shelter staff and/or with the Frederick Friends of the County Animal Shelter (FFOCAS), a new non-profit organization to support FCAC by providing resources through advocacy and fundraising.

It has been a pleasure working with you and I appreciate your guidance during my tenure as Chairperson. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is any additional information required to finalize this decision.

Sincerely,



Doree Lynn Miles, Chair
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cc: CAWAC Members:
Mr. John Abbott, Vice Chairperson
Dr. Felicia Langel, V.M.D., Ph.D, Secretary
Dr. Daniel Pare
Ms. Stephanie Mizell
Ms. Shannon Angelopoulos